

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 32 are amended and Claims 26-31 are cancelled. Claims 1-12, 22-25 and 32-35, as amended, remain in the application. No new matter is added by the amendments to the claims.

The Rejections:

In the Final Office Action dated July 13, 2007, the Examiner rejected Claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hollstein et al (US 5,320,283) in view of Gengenbach et al (US 2,930,350).

The Examiner rejected Claims 26-28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP-11267560 in view of Hollstein, Bihn (4,712,739) and Gengenbach.

The Examiner rejected Claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP-11267560 in view of Bihn and Gengenbach and Hollstein, and further in view of Klein et al (US 2001/0013315).

Applicants' Response:

Applicants appreciate the allowance of Claims 1-12, 22-25 and 32-35 that remain in the application.

The Examiner commented that in the Amendment filed on 04/23/2007, the use of "adapted to" language is still noted in Claims 1 and 32, line 5 each. Applicants amended Claims 1 and 32 accordingly.

Applicants cancelled Claims 26-31 and are filing a continuation application to prosecute the subject matter of these claims.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above arguments, Applicants believe that the claims of record now define patentable subject matter over the art of record. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.